

Claim Amendments

1. (amended) A golf club rack that ~~can~~is adapted to be mounted on a motorcycle rear fender through existing spaced fender holes in the upper side of [a]the motorcycle fender, comprising:

a mounting plate ~~removably mounted on the fender by fasteners that extend through~~having spaced mounting holes therein that mate with the existing fender ~~mounting~~ holes in the motorcycle;

releasable fasteners for removably mounting the mounting plate on the motorcycle fender, the releasable fasteners extending through the mating spaced mounting holes in the mounting plate and fender and attaching the mounting plate securely to the motorcycle fender;

a mounting block mounted on the mounting plate, the mounting block extending outwardly from the mounting plate and having a mounting hole extending downwardly in the mounting block;

a cradle for carrying golf clubs or other elongated cargo ~~such as golf clubs~~, the cradle having a bottom and upwardly extending sides that enclose at least a part of the sides of the cradle, such that elongated cargo can rest on the bottom and can be constrained in an upward position by the sides;

a mounting bracket on an inner side of the cradle, the mounting bracket having a hole extending downwardly therethrough that can be positioned to mate with the downward opening in the mounting block on the mounting plate; and

a cradle fastener that engages the mating openings in the mounting block and mounting bracket to removably secure the cradle to the mounting block on the motorcycle, the cradle being removable by removing the cradle fastener.

2. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting plate has a recess therein that fits over an outwardly extending tail light supporting arm that is mounted on the motorcycle fender.

3. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting bracket is mounted at an inclined angle with respect to the sides of the cradle, such that the cradle is inclined inwardly from bottom to top when mounted on the motorcycle.

4. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 3 wherein the cradle, when mounted on a motorcycle, is inclined inwardly by about 30° with respect to the motorcycle.

5. (amended) A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting plate ~~has spaced holes that mate with existing fender mounting holes in a Harley Davidson motorcycle~~ is shaped to be mounted on top of and superimposed on an existing fender mounting bracket that is part of the motorcycle and is attached to the fender by spaced mounting holes that mate with the existing spaced holes in the motorcycle fender.

6. (amended) A golf club rack as in claim 5 wherein the mounting plate has a recess therein that fits over a mounting arm for an original equipment fender mounted tail light mounting arm on a ~~Harley Davidson production~~ motorcycle.

7. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 6 wherein the mounting plate is formed to be mountable on a Harley Davidson Sportster or a Dyna model motorcycle.

8. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 5 wherein the mounting plate is formed to be mountable in existing fender mounting holes in a Harley Davidson Softail model motorcycle.

9. (amended) A golf club rack as in claim 1 ~~and further comprising wherein the~~ fasteners for fastening the mounting plate in the existing fender mounting holes, ~~the fasteners being~~ are longer than original equipment fasteners designed long enough to be received in the fender mounting holes, such that the fasteners can accommodate the extra thickness of the mounting plate for the golf club rack.

10. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the sides comprise a plurality of spaced longitudinal rods extending upwardly from the periphery of the base of the cradle, the rods being connected together by connecting members at upper positions thereon, the elongated cargo fitting inside the rods and being constrained by the rods and connecting members to remain in an upright position.

11. (original) A golf club rack as in claim 10 wherein the rods are spaced apart at an outer side thereof such that a golf bag can be inserted sideways into the cradle, the cradle further having a releasable retaining strap that can be fastened over mounted cargo between the spaced apart rods in order to hold the mounted cargo in the cradle.

12. (amended) A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting block hole is threaded such that the cradle can be mounted to the motorcycle by threading a ~~single~~ bolt through the hole of the cradle mounting plate and into the threaded hole in the mounting block.

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17. (new) In a motorcycle having a rear fender with a bracket secured to the upper side of the rear fender by means of spaced openings in the bracket and fender, the improvement comprising a rack for carrying elongated cargo on the side of the motorcycle, comprising:

a mounting plate having spaced mounting openings that mate with said mating spaced fender and bracket openings;

a mounting block mounted on an outer side of the mounting plate, the mounting block having a downwardly extending cradle opening therein;

fasteners that extend through the mating spaced fender, bracket, and mounting plate openings so as to mount the mounting plate on the fender;

a cradle comprising a bottom and sides extending upwardly from the bottom so as to define an interior compartment for elongated cargo;

a mounting bracket on an inner side of the cradle, the mounting bracket having a downwardly extending mounting opening therein that mates with the cradle opening in the mounting block when the cradle is mounted on the mounting block; and

a fastener that extends through the mounting bracket opening and into the cradle mounting opening to secure the cradle to the mounting bracket, the cradle being removable from the

mounting bracket by releasing the fastener, the mounting bracket being sufficiently unobtrusive that it can be left permanently in place on the motorcycle without significantly detracting from the appearance of the motorcycle.